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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. IN PLENARY MEETING 14 MAY, CONFERENCE ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS OF ALGERIA, CUBA, ISRAEL, SPAIN, S. AFRICA, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL FOR OBSERVER STATUS UNDER RULE 44 (2), AND OF OPANAL AND ARAB LEAGUE UNDER RULE 44 (4).

2. IN COURSE OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS DURING PAST TWO DAYS, NIGERIAN DEL (CLARK) HAD INDICATED THAT AFRICANS HAD DECIDED NOT TO PRESS CHALLENGE TO S. AFRICAN APPLICATION FOR OBSERVER STATUS, PROVIDING OBSERVER APPLICATIONS WERE ACCEPTED EN BLOC AND AFRICANS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THEIR RESERVATIONS FOR THE RECORD.

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ACCORDINGLY, IN PLENARY SESSION OF 14 MAY, CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT (THORSSON) STATED THAT PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PROCEED WITH ACTION ON OBSERVER APPLICATIONS. NIGERIA (CLARK) STATED THAT AFRICAN DELS WOULD ACQUIESCE IN S. AFRICAN APPLICATION "WITH VERY STRONG PROTEST AND REGRET" AND WOULD HAVE TAKEN DIFFERENT STAND IF S. AFRICAN APPLICATION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED SEPARATELY; AND THE CONFERENCE RECORD SHOULD INCLUDE AFRICAN "POSITION OF PRINCIPLE" AGAINST S. AFRICAN APARTHEID POLICIES. ZAIRE THEN INTERVENED TO STATE THAT S. AFRICAN APPLICATION WAS A "PROVOCATION" IN VIEW OF ITS REPRESSION OF ITS BLACK POPULATION, APPEALED TO PRESIDENT NOT TO INSIST ON S. AFRICAN ADMISSION AND STATED THAT IF S. AFRICA WERE ADMITTED, ZAIRE WOULD HAVE TO PROPOSE ITS EXPULSION. PRESIDENT CALMLY IGNORED THESE REMARKS, STATED THAT VIEWS OF ZAIRE WOULD BE REFLECTED FULLY IN THE RECORD, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT IT HAD THUS BECOME POSSIBLE FOR OBSERVER APPLICANTS TO ATTEND, AND RAPPED HER GAVEL. SECRETARIAT IMMEDIATELY PUT UP CARDS FOR ALL APPLICANTS IN OBSERVER SECTION.

3. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ZAIRE DEL HAD INTENDED TO PRESS CHALLENGE OR NOT. NIGERIAN REP TOLD US ZAIRE PROTEST TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE AND PRESIDENT HAD NOT EXPECTED IT. NONETHELESS, PRESIDENT'S HANDLING OF MATTER NOW PRESUMABLY WOULD FORCE ZAIRE OR OTHERS TO MUSTER CONSENSUS OR TWO-THIRDS IF THEY REALLY WISHED TO PRESS FOR S. AFRICAN EXPULSION. NO FURTHER PLENARY MEETING IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED UNTIL FINAL WEEK, SO THIS MAY FINALLY DISPOSE OF THE S. AFRICAN MATTER FOR THIS CONFERENCE.

4. NIGERIAN DECISION TO RELENT SEEMS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM: 1) RELUCTANCE TO GIVE S. AFRICA EXCUSE TO REFRAIN FROM NPT ADHERENCE; 2) PRIVATELY-EXPRESSED DESIRES OF SOVIETS, CONFERENCE OFFICIALS AND SOME NON-ALIGNED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OVER S. AFRICA; AND 3) RELATIVE LACK OF NUMBERS AND COHERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED DELS AT CONFERENCE, AS COMPARED WITH APPARENT CONSENSUS OF VIEWS AMONG WEOS ON THIS ISSUE. CLARK HIMSELF, PLEASED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH ROLE ASSIGNED TO HIM AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I, ALSO TOOK SOME PRIDE IN BRINGING THIS SOLUTION ABOUT.

5. DESPITE EXPECTATION THAT AN ARAB DELEGATION, SUCH AS SYRIA, MIGHT COUPLE ISRAELIS WITH S. AFRICANS, THAT DID NOT OCCUR; INSTEAD, NO STATEMENTS WERE MADE CONCERNING ISRAELI ATTENDANCE.DALE

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